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HEALTHY Lifestyle



NEW ALTON SCHOOL OPENS

Students at Alton Public School started a new year with a brand new school to attend. The new facility is now up and running. The ribbon was cut by students Samantha Intranuovo, Jessie McClellan, Nicole Intranuovo and Ashley McClellan. They each represent the fifth generation attending the school.

Photo by Bill Rea

Storm has cost Town almost \$600,000 so far

By Bill Rea

Estimates state the recent ice storm in Caledon has already cost the Town about \$557,000, and that figure's expected to increase.

Town Treasurer Fuwing Wong made the announcement Tuesday at a special meeting of Town council. The session was called by Mayor Marolyn Morrison to address the aftermath of the incident.

Regarding the finances, Wong said the biggest cost to the Town so far involved overtime staffing for employees brought in for emergency relief. That amounted to about \$286,000. The operation of the warming centres came to about \$6,000; the emergency relief for food water and other supplies was roughly \$137,000; additional security costs, such as police overtime, was about \$2,000; and repairs to public facilities will cost about \$21,000.

He also said these figures were based on preliminary cost estimates, and will be adjusted as invoices and other documents are available, and there are costs that have not yet been determined.

Council passed a motion to seek financial assistance from the Province. The motion also asks Peel Region to include the Town in any request for assistance it might make.

Town CAO Doug Barnes told councillors what comes next is a crucial issue that needs to be considered.

"The ice storm is over," he commented, "but the recovery

period is going to be quite extensive."

The meeting included reports from several members of Town staff on the efforts that were employed to deal with the storm, including the establishment of an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) at Town Hall early in the morning of Dec. 22, the day after the storm. Bethany Lee, communications manager for the Town, said the aim was collect information and coordinate activity, including that involving Hydro One and Peel Region. She also said more than 20 media statements were sent out in the days that followed in an effort to keep people informed.

Lee said the Town is still in communication mode, establishing contacts and providing status reports.

"The work continues," she said. Leo Butko, acting director of public works for the Town, said the department dealt with such matters as plowing and salting roads, dealing with downed trees, and addressing road closures throughout town. He added places like Belfountain, Cataract, Caledon East, Palgrave and Mono Mills were most significantly impacted by downed trees.

Parks Manager and Landscape Architect Brian Baird told councillors staff were on deck, with all seven of the Town's sidewalk machines deployed every day except Christmas. Parks and recreation



MAYOR MORRISON NOT RUNNING AGAIN

Mayor Marolyn Morrison has announced she will not be seeking another term in this fall's municipal elections. Turn to page A3 for more on the mayor's decision.

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Quote of the Week

"My New Year's resolution is to get a generator."

Caledon Councillor Richard Whitehead, looking toward 2014.



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A directory of what's happening
in our community

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact Bill Rea at the Caledon Citizen at (905) 857-6626 or 1-888-557-6626 if you wish to have an announcement published.

Bring your own baby from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library. The free program is for babies up to 18 months. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

Tales for Tots at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library. The free program will run from 11 to 11:45 a.m. and is geared to children aged 18 months to three years. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver is to accompany the child.

Family Story Time at the Alton branch of Caledon Public Library for children up to five from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

Chess in the library for Kids at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library, for youngsters six and older from 7 to 8 p.m. The Library is partnering with Chess in the Library to bring this free, fun and educational opportunity to play this wonderful game. Experienced players can come out and be challenged by new opponents. Advanced registration is required.

The Caledon Horticultural Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Cheltenham Fire-hall, 14190 Creditview Rd. in Cheltenham. The ground may be frozen, but Nance Lang from Lee Valley will talk about Tools, (new and those designed for the senior gardener). The guest fee \$3.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
Family Story Time at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library for children up to five from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13
Adult computer workshop at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The topic will be Mobile Devices. Book a 20 minute help session and bring your device to the library, fully charged please. Advance registration required. Call the library at 905-857-1400 for more information.

Tales for Tots at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library. The free program will run from 10:15 to 11 a.m. and is geared to children aged 18 months to three years. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver is to accompany the child.

Family Story Time at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library for children up to five from 11:15 a.m. to noon. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
Family Story Time at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library for children up to five from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

Girls Rock! A brand new program that celebrates all things girl from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library. The aim is to present positive discussion around things like peer pressure, self-image and it will help to empower girls aged nine to 12 to understand that all things are possible. Advance registration required. Call the library at 905-857-1400 for more information.

Orangeville and District Horticultural Society will hold a general meeting at the Seniors' Centre at 26 Bythia St., Orangeville. There will be refreshments and social at 7, followed by the meeting at 7:30. The topic will be Walk Down the Garden Path with James Graham of Waterloo. For more information, go to www.orangevillehort.org

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
Family Story Time from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Inglewood branch of Caledon Public Library, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at the Caledon village branch and 7 to 7:45 p.m. at the Albion-Bolton branch. The program is for children up to five. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

Lifetree Cafe meets St. James' Church, at 6025 Old Church Rd. in Caledon East. This free venue for conversation runs from 7 to 8 p.m., and everyone is welcome. Tonight's topic will be Mysteries of Mental Illness: One woman's struggle to regain her life. Call 416-579-9977 for more information.

Lectio Divina Meditation Group meets from 11 a.m. to noon. Looking for an escape and rejuvenation? Come and join us for tea and meditation. All are welcome. Located at Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy St.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #ON1381 meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Caledon Central School (Kennedy and Charleston, Caledon village). This non-profit weight loss group meets to learn about nutrition and exercise. Call Barbara at (519) 927-5696.

Caledon East Seniors Club #588 meets every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone welcome for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch. For more information, call (905) 584-9933 or (905) 857-3352.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Group meets in Bolton United Church Heritage Hall. Weigh-in from 6:45 to 7:20 p.m.; with the meeting running meeting 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. This non-profit weight loss support group meets every Wednesday. Everyone welcome. Call Ruth at 905-857-3237 or Lorraine at 905-857-1568.



Kirandeep Kaur Brar and her husband Lucky Brar welcomed their third child at 12:29 a.m. Jan. 1.

Caledon's population started growing early in the new year

It didn't take long for Caledon's population to start expanding in 2014. William Osler Health System reported two new Caledon babies had arrived in the first 121 minutes of the year. Headwaters Health Care Centre welcomed its first baby of 2014 at 12:29 a.m. Jan. 1. Kirandeep Kaur Brar of Caledon delivered a baby boy, weighing in at eight pounds 14 ounces. He is the third child for Kirandeep

and her husband Lucky Brar, joining big brothers Tegvir and Himmatt at home. Less than two hours later, at 2:01 a.m., Dolly Iatomasi of Bolton delivered a baby girl, Vienna, at Brampton Brampton Civic Hospital. The baby weighed in at six pounds five ounces. Vienna is the third child for Dolly and her husband Leucio. She joins siblings Lucas and Ashley.



Dolly Iatomasi and her husband Leucio of Bolton greeted their third child Vienna at 2:01 a.m. Jan. 1 at Brampton Civic Hospital.

Concerns expressed Orangeville is unprotected by Olympia pit

By James Matthews
Orangeville Mayor Rob Adams says his town's taxpayers should get their fair share from any pit or quarry development that will directly impact on them. Caledon council recently voted to support the proposed gravel quarry by Olympia Sand and Gravel Ltd. north of Melville. The meeting took more than four hours and included more than a dozen delegations from the community, voicing opposition to the proposal. The quarry will require the Town's Official Plan be amended and as much as 291 acres be rezoned at Lots 27 and 28, Concession 2, in west Caledon to allow extraction. The rub for Orangeville is in the fact the quarry's northern border will be about a kilometre from the town's southern outskirts and a Town well on Highway 10. And opponents say that's cause to be concerned for the integrity of the municipal water supply. According to a press release from Citizens Against Melville Pit (CAMP), the quarry will be expandable to 500 or more acres and, should it get approval, may be located in the area bordered by the County 109 truck bypass, Highway 136, Willoughby Road, and Highpoint Road. It will be larger than the two quarries south of Caledon village, on both sides of Highway 10. "It's unusual to have a council take a position different than another council," Adams said about the recent Caledon council meeting. He said he's heard indications there are many residents of both Orangeville and Caledon who are displeased with the possibility of the quarry and the impact it will have on the region. Adams added such an endeavour would be detrimental to ground water integrity and air quality. It will lead to more traffic congestion that will in turn increase deterioration of local roads as heavy equipment will be a common sight. And that will lead to steeper road repair costs to both communities' taxpayers. Orangeville would have to pay out of pocket whatever it could cost to remediate a compromised water supply or road damages, while any damages to Caledon thoroughfares could be paid with the benefits from the quarry. Adams said Caledon will benefit through a percentage of what comes out of the quarry. In weighing the proposal, Caledon benefited from feedback from a 2008 and June 2013 public information meetings. Planners reportedly reviewed the quarry application through the lenses of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), the Greenbelt Plan, Peel Region's Official Plan, and provincial, regional and municipal policies. Orangeville council and residents had none of that, the mayor said. The Town of Orangeville never had any correspondence or contact with the quarry's proponents. When the proposed quarry came to Orangeville's attention, Adams sent a letter to Caledon council outlining some of the concerns from his municipality's perspective. Adams said there was no response from Caledon. Despite the silence from the neighbouring community, he said he will find ways to protect Orangeville interests. "We're going to look at what we need to do to protect the rights and interests of Orangeville residents with regards to the quarry," he said.

Racing charge laid

An 18-year-old man from Caledon was charged after a vehicle was seen speeding on Highway 10 Jan. 2. Caledon OPP reports an officer was conducting speed enforcement at around 2:30 a.m. at The Grange Sideroad. A Chev CZS was seen travelling south at 134 km/h in an 80 zone. The man was charged with racing a motor vehicle, and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

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Marolyn Morrison will not seek another term as Caledon's mayor

By Bill Rea

Caledon voters will be picking a new mayor this fall.

Incumbent Marolyn Morrison announced this week she will not be seeking another term at the helm of the Town.

She commented that she will have been in office 11 years when the current term expires later this year. She said she and her husband John have discussed it, and concluded this will be an appropriate time to step aside.

"John and I, we'd now like time together," she said.

She added her husband plans to retire from his high school teaching position in Orangeville in February 2015.

Morrison said the couple's plans including spending more time with their nine grandchildren.

"We want to travel before we're too old to do it," she said. "I know we have some good years left."

"This is not a Marolyn-only decision; it's a John and Marolyn decision," she added. "If we're going to spend the rest of our lives together, we have to continue to be supportive of each other's decisions."

As well, Morrison said it's time to hand the brass chain of Caledon politics to someone else.

"It's time for someone new," she said. "It's time for a fresh set of eyes."

Morrison agreed the last couple of years have not been easy, with conflicts with developers and police investigations against her which turned up nothing. She said it would have been easy to have walked away from the 2010 campaign, adding her husband asked her then what she wanted to do, and she said her inclination was to dig in her heels and fight.

"That's the girl I married and that's what I would have expected," she said was his reply.

Morrison wouldn't speculate on who her successor might be.

"I think we have to see who comes forward," she commented.

But she hopes that person will uphold the values of the community.

"I've tried very hard to do that," she said.

She also chuckled that there's been some speculation she's planning to seek the position of Chair of Peel Region (current Chair Emil Kolb has announced he'll be leaving at the end of the term), adding she has no such thoughts.

"I'm retiring, period," she declared.

Morrison's political career started in 1988, when she successfully ran for a seat on what was then known as the Peel Board of Education. She spent six years as a trustee, including three as vice-chair of the board, before serving three terms as Regional councillor for Ward 2.

Morrison said she had been feeling frustrated as a councillor, and in 2003, she broached the idea of running for mayor. Her husband said he would support her, but on the condition that they take one term to make sure they could make it work.

"I have to say the first year was tough," she said. "I was hardly ever at home for dinner. I was hardly ever home."

Nominate Caledon's 2014 Environmentalist of the Year

The Caledon Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) is seeking nominations from the public for the 18th annual Environmentalist of the Year Award. The due date for nominations is Jan. 15, 2014.

CEAC grants the award to a Caledon resident, business or organization that has made a significant effort to protect, enhance or restore the natural heritage of Caledon.

"CEAC's Environmentalist of the Year award encourages environmental stewardship across Caledon and provides recognition for outstanding community efforts," said Mayor Marolyn Morrison.

The Environmentalist of the Year receives a certificate at the Town of Caledon's annual Volunteer and Citizen Achievement Awards event in April. The winner's name is also added to the com-

Revised subdivision plan presented at meeting

By Bill Rea

There wasn't a lot of public reaction to a revised subdivision plan that was presented last week for lands in SouthFields Village.

KLM Planning Partners, on behalf of Digram Developments Caledon, put forth the plan for almost 25 acres in the area west of Learmont Drive, north of Abbot-side Way.

Town planners had reported the original proposal was for 131 single detached homes and 83 freehold townhouse units. It was announced at last week's public information meeting on the proposal that it's been revised to include 100 single units and 145 townhouses.

The proposal will require a rezoning of the property from agricultural to mixed-density residential.

Jim Kennedy, a principle of KLM, told the meeting there will be three sizes of lots for the single units, 15.7, 12.8 and 11 metres in width.

He also told Kenneth Bokor, of the SouthFields Village Residents Group, that they are looking at traffic flow con-

ditions during construction, agreeing it is a challenge for the neighbourhood. He said construction access for the heavy equipment would be across the north side of the property off Heart Lake Road to the east, although he said smaller vehicles will likely use Abbot-side. He also told Bokor this is not a big development, so he said construction will last something like four or five months, although that will depend on sales. He added a sales trailer will be going up once daft approval for the development is granted. He couldn't say where it will be.

Kennedy estimated it will take 24 to 30 months to get everything completed.

Councillor Allan Thompson said he gets a lot of calls about construction traffic in the village early Saturday and Sunday mornings. He said he wants that kind of activity kept away from the existing homes, with no work Sundays.

Kennedy told Councillor Rob Mezzapelli adding more townhouses would help meet the density targets set out in the Town's Official Plan.

He eventually asked her to be home for dinner at least three nights per week, before going out to meetings.

"All right, I can make that work," she recalled saying; and she did.

"I couldn't ask for a more supportive husband," Morrison said. "He's always given me that support in anything I've wanted to do."

She added he was always there to run things by. "That's what made the job fairly easy," she said.

Morrison reflected on accomplishments that have been realized in her time in office, although she was reluctant to take many bows. A lot of them involved the efforts of others, like councillors, municipal staff and residents.

"All the things you do do, I think, are part of normal business," she observed.

The list included increasing non-residential tax assessment in the town, adding more than nine million square feet in non-residential gross floor area between 2004 and 2013, being named Ontario's greenest town, the initiation of the Bolton Transportation Master Plan and the Caledon East Community Plan, the progress on the Bolton Arterial Road (BAR), the double ice arena in Caledon East, the permanent skateboard park in Bolton, the Bolton Rotary Peace park, Johnston Sports Park, being named Canada's safest community by McLean's three years in a row, the establishment of Caledon Farmers' Market, the work of the Town's Graftiti Committee, etc. Morrison is also past-chair of the Credit Valley Conservation Foundation, co-founder of the Greater Toronto Countryside Mayors' Alliance and was presented medals commemorating both the Golden and Diamond Jubilees of the Queen.

"Of course I'll miss it," Morrison said as she reflected on life away from politics.

She said she'll especially miss the interaction with people, as well as helping to face the challenges coming for Caledon.

"It would be fun to be part of it," she observed, "but there's a time when you've got to be able to back away."

Morrison said she has no plans to involve herself in political issues once she leaves office, commenting it would be a big mistake "to constantly stick your nose in."

"I think you have to let the new people chart their own course," she remarked.

One of the challenges she sees coming is a push to impose representation by population at Regional council. "If that happens, Caledon goes down to one (councillor), which is ridiculous," she declared, adding the next mayor will have to work hard to defend the town's voice at the table. That's especially important because of the anticipated growth.

While she won't be involved in municipal government, Morrison said she doesn't anticipate being idle. She said she would probably do volunteer work, and she's looking forward to going to Aquafit. She's also anticipating being able to see friends without them having to make an appointment.

"There's no way I'll sit around," she said. "I think there'll be lots of things to do. I don't think there's going to be a lot of down time."

memorative rock in the CEAC Stewardship Grove on the Trans-Canada Trail in Caledon East. The Environmentalist of the Year will also receive the honour of choosing a Caledon-based environmental stewardship project to receive an Annual Environmentalism Recognition Award of \$500.

The Bolton and District Horticultural Society was chosen as Environmentalist of the Year in 2013.

Those who know of a person or an organization that deserves this recognition, are asked to let CEAC know. Visit www.caledon.ca/environment and click on the banner for Environmentalist of the Year.

For more information, contact Senior Policy Planner Tim Manley at tim.manley@caledon.ca or 905-584-2272, ext. 4285.



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Police would like help finding this woman.

Police seek help from public

Caledon OPP are looking for a woman in her mid 20s suspected of stealing purses from a Bolton spa.

Police report a woman entered the spa on King Street East sometime between 3 and 3:30 p.m. Dec. 20, and is believed to have taken two purses from employees of the business.

The suspect is described as white, in her mid 20s, with long brown hair, wearing a purple scarf, a long black coat and loose sweatpants with a stripe down the side and sunglasses. She was also carrying a large black purse.

Police are asking for the assistance from the public to help identify the suspect.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 905-584-2241 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Caledon OPP will consult community this month

In preparation for their 2014 Business Plan, Interim Caledon OPP Inspector Dom Beckett has announced that detachment staff will be hosting Community Consultation Meetings in the first part of 2014.

Regular police dialogue with the community is seen as a proven way to build relationships of trust, reduce fear of crime, and mobilize community members to address concerns about safety and security.

The meetings are set for Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at the detachment office at 15924 Innis Lake Rd., near Caledon East; Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Caledon village branch of Caledon Public Library; Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. at Albion-Bolton Community Centre; and Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at Southfields Village Public School at 110 Learmont Ave.

The purpose of the consultations is to identify community-based concerns, seek common solutions,

identify who has a role in the solution, implement a plan to address the concern and provide a mechanism for feedback on how well the plan works.

One of the major objectives of community policing efforts is to establish an active partnership between the police and the community that can analyze problems and help implement solutions and services that are truly community-based.

Shop with a Cop! event was a great success

Caledon OPP was pretty pleased with the way their Dec. 21 Shop with a Cop! event went.

That day saw 45 deserving Caledon students get the opportunity to spend time with a police officer shopping for Christmas gifts for their families. Each student was provided with a \$100 gift card donated by local businesses and schools. They were given an hour to wander the aisles of Wal-Mart Bolton to make their purchases. They were then paraded by police cruiser to Caesar's Event Centre, where the hungry shoppers and officers were served breakfast and had a special visit from Santa.

The shoppers were also treated to a K-9 presentation by Constable Murray deRuiter from Central Region Canine.

"For the 2013 edition of Shop with a Cop!, I couldn't have been more pleased with how the day unfolded," commented the detachment's Operations Manager Staff Sergeant Brian Knowler. "Our aim after our first event in 2012 was to improve every year, and we did so with more kids, more for them to do, and more Christmas cheer. It was interesting to watch the 'veteran' shoppers move into their roles again, and I have to confess to laughing at watching 'rookie' shoppers get their bearings as they were pulled into the toy section or video game aisle. This opportunity to reach out and build bridges wouldn't have been possible without the support of the officers and staff of the Caledon OPP, the schools that participated, and our amazing sponsors and community volunteers. It truly was a community effort."

"We are also pleased to announce that the program now has an official logo," he added. "After judging entries from the Bolton Pathfinders group, the winning entry, by Kayla Rossi, was chosen to be the new logo for the Shop With a Cop! program. The logo was unveiled during the breakfast portion of the event and Kaila's logo was shown blown up on a four-foot by six-foot poster."

The sponsors who donated mon-

ey, gift certificates or tokens for the event included Caesar's Event Centre, Celeste Iacobelli Law, Countryside Montessori School, Foodland Caledon East, Garden Foods, staff and employees of the Town of Caledon, King's College School, MacNaughton Hermesen Britton Clarkson Planning Limited, McDonald's Bolton, Ontario Provincial Police Association, Pacific Paving Limited, Larry Pevato, Wal-Mart Bolton and Zehrs Bolton.

Schools donating funds to their own deserving students were Allan Drive Middle School, Alloa Public School, Alton Public School, Caledon East Public School, Ellwood Memorial Public School, Herb Campbell Public School, James Bolton Public School, Macville Public School, Oxford Learning Centre, Pope John Paul II Elementary School, St. Cornelius Elementary School, St. Nicholas Elementary School, Walnut Grove Public School.

Members of Caledon OPP are in the preparation stages for Shop with a Cop 2014.

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New commander takes over at Caledon OPP

Monday marked the first day of leadership change at Caledon OPP.

Interim Detachment Commander Dom Beckett, who had been serving in the role since September, passed the torch to Inspector Tim Melanson, former operations manager at Nottawasaga OPP.

"Inspector Tim Melanson brings 27 years of police service and a wide cross section of policing experience to his new role," Beckett said. "Inspector Melanson's leadership and the depth of his policing experience will be of great benefit to the Caledon Detachment."

"I look forward to working closely with the Town of Caledon, the mayor and council and the residents of this community," Melanson commented. "Having been an integral part of a neighbouring community, I feel that my experience and knowledge will be of great benefit and I am looking forward to new challenges."

Melanson replaces Superintendent Rose DiMarco who served as Caledon's detachment commander from June 2009 until September.



Inspector Tim Melanson took over his new duties as commander of Caledon OPP Monday.

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Town councillors look hopefully to the coming year

By Bill Rea

As one year has come to an end and another started, Caledon councillors have been expressing satisfaction, and expectation.

There was also consideration of the challenges that are likely to be encountered in 2014.

Mayor Marolyn Morrison said she's looking forward to seeing progress on the residential expansion study in Bolton in the next few months.

She was also impressed with the progress being made by the Arts Committee, as well as the Seniors' Advisory Committee.

Morrison added she's looking forward this year to recommendations from the Arts Committee, observing that a municipality that fails to embrace the arts "is missing something."

She added she hopes this will lead to an arts facility for the town.

As well, the Graffiti Committee and the accompanying Graffiti Hotline have been a big success, she said.

Morrison was also pleased with the establishment of the Rotary Peace Park in Bolton. "That actually was very important to me," she commented.

As well, she said she's been working with the Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to have Caledon named the next municipality to get a hospital.

"We're moving forward on that," she said.

Roads and infrastructure were on the minds of several councillors.

Councillor Allan Thompson said one of the accomplishments of 2013 was the development of a good work plan in that regard.

"It's something that's been needed for quite some time," he remarked.

And while they posed their share of difficulties, Thompson was pleased with the way the Town stood up to weather events, including the heavy rains in July or the recent ice storm.

"We're heading for an exciting year," he predicted, commenting there have been tax hikes over the last couple of years, and he figured people will soon start seeing them produce results. He said people see results of the Bolton Expansion Study, and plans for growth in Mayfield West should come to fruition.

"It was a hectic year," Councillor Richard Whitehead observed, commenting there were a lot of issues dealt with that might not have been popular.

He said there was progress made on dealing with the future of Bolton, as well as stabilizing the finances of the Town.

"I think we're managing growth well," he said, although he added the coming year will bring a number of matters that

will have to be resolved, such as where Bolton is going to grow.

Whitehead also said Peel Region has been dealing with matters of infrastructure needs and costs, but there are going to have to be some decisions made. He added it's going to be an unusual situation because it's going to have to happen in an election year.

While the year ended dramatically, with the ice storm, Whitehead said he was impressed with the way people stood up to the situation. He said his own home was without power for about five and a half days. After the third day, he said he had to drain his water pipes and spend a couple of nights away from home. He likened the situation to the garbage dump debates about 20 years ago, when people came together at a time of crisis, got to know each other and learned to work together. He said situations like that make people appreciate each other and the community more.

"My New Year's resolution is to get a generator," he added.

Councillor Rob Mezzapelli observed one of the biggest local issues last year was the massive Canadian Tire development planned for Bolton's industrial area.

"It generated a lot of interest and discussion," he observed, adding he believes council was "prudent" in the way it handled it.

"They cast the right vote on it," he said.

Mezzapelli was also pleased with the budget that council passed last month, stressing the need to set aside money to replace and repair capital assets. He pointed out there are municipalities, like Toronto, that have some infrastructure that's in terrible shape.

"I know that Caledon is on the right path," he observed.

Mezzapelli said the big issues for the coming year will include the review of various Provincial policies, and the impacts they will have on Caledon. He also is looking forward to the anticipated progress on the Bolton Residential Expansion Study and the growth plans in Mayfield West.

Mezzapelli also observed the aftermath of the ice storm will have to be addressed. He said his home didn't lose power, and he had people staying there, and kept track of the warming centres that were being operated in the area. Cleaning up the debris will be something that council will have to address.

Councillor Richard Paterak observed that 2013 was dominated by some controversial decisions, including the Canadian Tire issue.

Paterak stated such a proposal might not have caused much of a fuss normally.

"But this year, it became the controversial darling of a small group of residents bent on discrediting a good proposal," he

commented in a statement he issued. "Council did the sensible thing and rode out the storm. Canadian Tire will be built."

He also observed that council recently had to choose between following the Town's Official Plan or bowing to the wishes of the neighbours of the Olympia Sand and Gravel property.

"For me, this was gut wrenching because I too am a neighbour of this pit," he observed. "In the end, council understood that if you have an Official Plan, you must support it. If you don't like the Official Plan, then change it."

"Our aggregate policies do not allow us to necessarily oppose any pit, but they do allow us to oppose flawed applications," he added. "More particularly, those policies allow us to manage the resource to a higher degree than other municipalities. This latter part is poorly understood and should receive more public support than it does."

Paterak said he expects the key issues in 2014 will involve the fact it's an election year, "and the public's appetite for understanding what is increasingly a very complex planning environment in Caledon."

"We have all of the Provincial plans in force in Caledon to which add a large portion of gravel to make it interesting," he observed. "All of this requires understanding of what is possible and what is not possible and to me that is what politics is: The art of the possible."

Councillor Gord McClure also issued a statement, saying 2013 was a prosperous and successful year for the Town and Ward 2. He said the accomplishments included the Canadian Tire and attracting the Acklands-Grainger development at Dixie and Mayfield Roads.

He also said the year brought him two new grandchildren.

McClure said his aim for 2014 will be "making our town more prosperous."

Councillor Doug Beffort cited a number of positive things taking place in the Town.

"We're moving along with Mayfield West," he observed, adding growth is coming with some options remaining for that growth.

He also agreed that maintaining infrastructure is an important consideration for all municipalities.

Beffort pointed to a need to look at the gravel industry in Ward 1 and look for opportunities there. He stressed the need for the Town to work with the industry, as well as residential groups. "They have some really good ideas," he said, but added there always seems to be confrontations with applications.

Councillor Patti Foley cited a number of accomplishments from 2013, including the completion of work on lights, trees and

sidewalks on Bolton's north hill, the development of the Rotary Peace Park, the opening of the Humber River Heritage Park, and new roof at Albion-Bolton Community Centre, kitchen renovations at Caledon Seniors' Centre, groundbreaking at the Hampton Inn site in Bolton, creation of an Aging Population Committee at the Region, the multi-use trail on King Street West in Bolton, the Business Improvement Area's (BIA) first Blues and Jazz Festival, and the installation of traffic signals at Parr Boulevard.

"That was a real safety issue," she commented.

Foley also mentioned the start on construction of the final component of the Bolton Arterial Road (BAR) and the water tower near Coleraine and Holland Drives.

Looking to the coming year, Foley said she anticipates the completion of the feedermain project in Bolton, as well as an improved municipal parking lot in the village core, complete with charging stations for electric vehicles.

Foley also said she's been working with some developers to get more seniors' housing.

"This is something I would really look forward to seeing," she said, "a shovel in the ground."

Councillor Nick deBoer said the last year was a successful one, with the Town's finances being more secure.

He was also glad to see a good start being made on getting the Caledon Equestrian Park ready for the 2015 Pan Am Games.

"We're going to be able to showcase Caledon with it," he said.

Registration open for winter Mothers in Mind

Mothers in Mind is a 10-week group designed for mothers who have experienced a traumatic event or unhealthy and abusive family dynamics in their childhood or adult life and their children (four years of age and under).

Run by Family Transition Place, the program will run each week, allowing moms and their children to spend time participating in activities that are geared toward enhancing parenting skills, strengthening the parent-child relationship and learning new skills for managing the stress that can accompany parenthood.

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DUFFERIN-PEEL - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

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As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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Editorial

In an emergency, you do your best with what you have

It's a sad reality that it is impossible to be prepared for everything life throws at us.

All of us have had the experience of seeing carefully laid plans fall apart due to circumstances we had not been counting on. In such situations, all we can do is the best we can.

And while we might have had prior warning that the weather was going to be bad a couple of days before Christmas, there was only so much that could have been done to prepare for the blow in advance. And then we all have to do our best with what we have.

Caledon council had a special meeting Tuesday to debrief from the efforts made to help residents in the recent ice storm that caused so much heartache over Christmas. It became clear early in the meeting that a lot of people stepped up to help out during the crisis. There were plenty of words of praise for senior Town staff coming from councillors, and that included the people from Fire and Emergency Services, as well as those who helped man the warming centres that were set up. It was also clear, at least from the comments made by councillors, that most people in the community understood the situation, and that those who were helping were doing the best they could with what they had. There has been a lot of appreciation expressed from residents too.

Could things have been better?
Of course they could have been.

But it's also true that one of the advantages of such a mess, as was created by the storm, is it offers a chance for people and officials to look at what was done, and determine what could have been done better. It's an opportunity to determine what measures could be put in place to soften the blow, should such a storm ever happen again.

And let us not forget that it happened once, meaning it could happen again.

Although people have been appreciative, there have been exceptions.

The issue involving grocery gift cards is an example.

A lot of people who went some time without power would have seen a lot of their food spoiled. That would hit some a lot harder than others, and the Province came up with the idea of grocery gift cards to help those in real need.

One of the concerns, and it's a legitimate one, is it wasn't until this week that such cards were available to residents of Peel Region. There have also been stories of abuse; of people who were not in need getting into line only to get a free handout.

This was a clear example of an area in the emergency response where things could have been handled differently.

But we are not here to be critical, because there are times when action is required, and when the timelines don't allow for much planning.

The Province could have done a better job in dealing with the gift cards, but that is something that can be studied, with improvements worked into the system for the next time such a situation arises.

Premier Kathleen Wynne wrote a column in Tuesday's Toronto Star, explaining the government's response to the crisis.

"Here's a lesson I refuse to take from our recent experience: I do not believe it is better to do nothing than to try and help," she wrote.

While we are generally not fans of the Wynne government, we applaud the gumption it took to act, rather than sit back to avoid criticism.

And the experience has given all the opportunity to study the lessons that have been learned.

"We all have lessons learned after the fact," Councillor Allan Thompson commented at Tuesday's meeting. "I think there were a lot of good lessons learned."

Our Readers Write

Lots of help in storm

Caledon is a great place to be because of the people who live here.

Thank you to all the workers who gave up their Christmas to restore hydro, keep the roads open and all the other work that was done in the aftermath of the ice storm. A special thank you to the owner of Trailside Cafe in Caledon East, who offered to cook our turkey Christmas Day since we had no power.

Community spirit is alive in Caledon.

Peggy Dickey

Police warn to be careful

The recent severe weather has prompted Caledon OPP to issue a reminder for people to be careful.

They especially want residents to be mindful of live wires, fallen trees or limbs that are about to fall.

Residents are also reminded to locate and make use of their 72-hour emergency kit if needed.

The kit should include a flashlight and spare batteries; radio or crank radio; first aid kit; non-perishable food items, including bottled water; candles and matches or a lighter; extra car keys and cash; important papers (identification for all family members, insurance papers); blankets and sleeping bags; personal supplies; medication; and a whistle.

It happened today

All good things must come to an end, and that includes the careers of hockey legends.

Phil Esposito played 18 seasons in the National Hockey League, setting and establishing established countless scoring records and other achievements, but nothing goes forever

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Do you think you personally were adequately prepared for last week's storm?

a) Yes

62%

b) No

38%

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think there will be a Provincial election this spring?

a) Yes

b) No

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Predictions - for what they're worth

I guess there's hope for me yet.

Here we are, a bit more than a week into the new year. I've already had to write a couple of cheques, and have had no trouble remembering to put down "14" instead of "13." That probably shows that I've accepted the passage of time, as if time was patiently waiting for my acceptance.

The start of a new year carries emotional impact on a number of levels.

For one thing, for most of us it carries a realization that the holiday season is just about done. I think some people are inclined to jump the gun a little. For example, the decision was made in our office to take down the holiday decorations New Year's Eve. It really didn't mean too much to me, although I was pressed into service lugging the Christmas tree into the back room of the office (a task that proved a little more bothersome than it sounds).

For others, it's a time for reflection on what has gone on in the previous 12 months. I think for just about all of us, every year has a certain number of charms and challenges, and that was certainly the case with 2013, at least from where I was watching. So the start of a new year was something I was looking forward to.

And then there are those who look ahead to what's in store, either for them or the rest of the world.

This time of year always seems to be filled with predictions from people who think they know something special. I like to think I know something, although I am inclined to hold my thoughts to some extent in such cases. I'm still getting ribbed for the mess I made of predicting the municipal election results in Caledon in 1991 (I guarantee you Richard Whitehead has a big grin on his clock as he reads this).

Be that as it may, I'll try a couple of predictions.

I expect the Leafs are going to make the playoffs this year, and do just well enough to get everyone's hopes up for the next season. Is that not the way things have been going for 40 some-odd years?

Sticking with the sports theme, I figure the Blue Jays are going to do better than they did in 2013, if for no other reason than I have a hard time figuring how they could do worse. And from what I've been reading, Munenori Kawasaki remains in the organization, so I think they should use him. Granted, he's not the greatest ball player in the world (neither am I). But the team seems to do well when he's in the line up. More important, my wife likes him.

I have no idea who's likely to compete at Wrestlemania, let alone who's going to win. I care even less.

Politically speaking, I think it's a safe bet we're going to have some election fun in 2014.

Owing to the nature of my job, I'm a little too close to the action to make any bold predictions on what the municipal campaign is going to offer in and around these parts. The situation is going to have to do a lot of clarifying before I start repeating my performance of '91.

I will get a little bold and say there will be a provincial election in '14, although I do hope we don't have to wait for the fall, when it would overlap with the municipal campaigns (I hate having to worry about two elections at once). I don't think the opposition is going to let Premier Kathleen Wynne get another budget through, which means the minority Liberal government is due to fall. The real problem with that prediction is I didn't think the Liberals could get through 2013 without being defeated, which I guess speaks volumes about how

much I know.

Assuming we have an election, I'm a little scared to publicly guess how it's going to play out. Considering all the scandals the Liberals have had to deal with over the last couple of years (I think the gas plant fiasco has been the worst), I can't understand how they could get back in. Of course, I had similar thoughts after Dalton McGuinty told me and everyone else watching him in 2003 that he would never raise taxes, and then we got that health premium. Yet he was re-elected to another majority.

And there are people out there who don't understand that making predictions about elections can be risky.

Just look at the situation in Toronto, with Rob Ford running for another term as mayor. Despite all that has gone on, especially in the last several months, my gut tells me he's got a chance of getting back in, provided he can get through the coming year without doing something monumentally stupid. And that's going to be the real election issue in Toronto — Can Ford turn in such a year? No predictions from this observation post!

Since Stephen Harper is heading a majority government, it's very unlikely that we'll see a federal election this year. But I expect federal politics are going to get a fair amount of play.

I don't think the scandal involving the Senate has much more traction to it. I think it's going to turn out to be the political wet firecracker I always thought it was.

As far as federal politics are concerned, I think the major questions in the coming year are going to deal with personalities in general, and the personality of Justin Trudeau in particular. It's easy for people to ask whether or not he's qualified to be Prime Minister, but that leads to the broader question of what does a person have to accomplish to be considered qualified?

Mike Harris started out as a golf pro, and ended up being premier. People in Ontario will probably debate forever how good a premier he was, but I think two points are undebatable: he knew how to make government work the way he wanted and he kept most of his promises, even the bad ones.

Looking south of the border, I think of two particular presidents who served after the Second World War who greatly exceeded expectations, in the eyes of historians I have read. One (a hero of mine from history) was a failed haberdasher, and the other was a screen actor whose ability in that field was at best debatable (I've seen a couple of his movies, and I don't even think there's room for debate).

Harper and company will, I suspect, put a lot of effort into discrediting Trudeau over the coming year. That's good. If he can't handle that kind of heat, it's best that the entire electorate finds out about it now. And if he can take it, Harper will have time to adjust his strategy.

And another point is how much in the way of qualifications did Justin Trudeau's father have to offer when he hit the political scene?

As far as the NDP are concerned, I fear the membership is going to learn the hard way that Thomas Mulcair is no Jack Layton. I also believe the impressive performance Layton headed up in 2011 was something of a one-shot deal, which is not likely to be repeated anytime soon.

I also predict that winter is going to continue to be too cold, summer is going to be too hot, and there's some idiot out there in a car who's going to cut me off at some point this year.

There are some things I do get right.



Bill Rea

Regional Chair issues service response to recent ice storm

The cleanup has begun. The Region of Peel continues to work closely with the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga, and the Town of Caledon to ensure a co-ordinated and effective municipal service response to the ice storm and the damage it has caused. The shared primary concern for all of us over the last week has been resident and employee safety and wellbeing.

Great progress has been made and I commend the efforts by all involved. Many gave up holiday plans and family events to ensure we dealt with the immediate needs of our residents. I am pleased to confirm all major roads in the Region have been cleared of debris and are again safe to travel on. City and Town staff cleared a number of sidewalks and expected to have the work completed prior to Jan. 6 when school started.

Many residents continue to be concerned about the work required to remove

From Peel Region

Emil Kolb
Regional Chair



storm damage debris from their properties. Some have begun to gather the debris and place it at the curb. I want to caution residents that the cutting and removal of trees and related debris is a specialized skill, and we encourage residents to hire a contractor to do the work for them. The clean-up of damaged trees and debris on private property is the responsibility of the property owner. Residents are encouraged to contact their insurance company to check if their coverage can assist with the cost related to storm damage on their

property.

In order to assist residents with the removal of excess wood and brush debris, the Region will begin collecting small bundles of wood and brush from the curb beginning Jan. 13 on regularly scheduled collection days. Bundles of wood and brush must not exceed 1.2 metres (four feet) and 76 centimetres (30 inches) in diameter and weigh no more than 20 kilograms (44 pounds) to ensure collector safety. In partnership with our area municipalities, we will concentrate our ef-

Cyberbullying can have tragic consequences, so the government is cracking down

With today's technological advances, cyberbullying is unfortunately becoming increasingly prevalent in Canadian society.

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying, in which aggression toward another is done through electronic means. A form of cyberbullying that uses new communication technologies to distribute intimate images without the consent of the person depicted is taking bullying way beyond the school yard. Once in cyberspace, an image or information can spread quickly and often uncontrollably, as it may also be permanently available on the Internet.

We have seen far too many instances where such conduct has victimized a young Canadian before the entire world.

Look for volunteers to nominate

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones is alerting organizations that work with volunteers to consider nominating individuals for this year's Volunteer Service Awards (VSA) program through Ontario's Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.

"In 2014, thousands of volunteers will be recognized across Ontario with this award and it would be great to have some of our communities' best acknowledged for their efforts," said Jones.

"Volunteers do not give of their time to be awarded; however, it is these selfless heroes who think of others before themselves and deserve recognition," she added. "By nominating volunteers in the VSA program,

Ottawa Journal

David Tilson
MP Dufferin-Caledon



It can destroy lives. The impact of cyberbullying is far reaching and has even been a factor in the tragic suicide of several Canadian teenagers. In order to help protect the most vulnerable in society, we need a stronger criminal justice response.

In the 2013 Speech from the Throne, our government committed to better protecting children from all forms of bullying and we are delivering on our commitment with the introduction of legislation that specifically addresses this form of cyberbullying. Our government is introducing legislation that will:

- prohibit the non-consensual distribution of intimate images;
- empower a court to order the removal of intimate images from the Internet;
- permit the court to order forfeiture of the computer, cell phone or other device used in the offence;
- provide for reimbursement to victims for costs incurred in removing the intimate image from the Internet or elsewhere; and
- empower the court to make an order to prevent someone from distributing intimate images.

This legislation will also modernize existing investigative powers to enable police to more efficiently and effectively

obtain electronic evidence that exists on the Internet or other technologies. This legislation is essential in addressing cyberbullying and holding cyberbullies accountable for their actions.

Our government also remains committed to putting the needs of victims first. This is why we are continuing to work with partners in the public and private sectors to address all forms of bullying through education, awareness and prevention activities. As part of our crime prevention projects, we are supporting the development of school-based projects to prevent bullying. Our government also supports the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, which operates Cybertip.ca and NeedHelpNow.ca, websites that Canadians can use to report online sexual exploitation of children. They provide important resources for those seeking help. We are also helping ensure that Canadians have access to information they need to protect themselves and their families against online threats through the GetCyberSafe.gc.ca campaign.

Through this new legislation and our continued efforts to promote education, awareness, and prevention, we will help better protect our children from all forms of bullying. Our government remains committed to keeping Canada's streets and communities safe for all Canadians, particularly for our children.

Lessons to be learned from storm

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staff also assisted public works with tree removal.

About 200 Town-owned trees were impacted by the storm, with urban canopy destruction reported in Bolton, Caledon East and Valleywood.

Deputy Fire Chief Darryl Bailey said between Dec. 21 and Jan. 2, the department dealt with 234 emergency incidents. There were 70 such incidents during the same period last year. He added there were eight house fires reported in town, and two of them were major.

He also said there were ongoing efforts to keep track of vulnerable people, such as those in seniors' residences. Personnel from several stations, including Alton, Bolton, Caledon East, Inglewood, Palgrave and Valleywood carried out site visits, and staff coordinated volunteers to help cover the warming station that was established at the Bolton station.

Heather Flaherty, manager of facilities, programs and community development for the Town, said warming centres were opened Dec. 23 at Mayfield Recreation Complex, Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness (CCRW), Town Hall and Albion-Bolton Community Centre (ABCC). CCRW saw the most use, with 89 visitors, but she said most of them were interested in showers or food. Those centres closed at 8 p.m. Christmas Eve, but the centre at the fire hall in Bolton remained open.

Barnes also said the Caledon OPP detachment offices were available as a warming centre if needed, but they weren't.

He also praised staff of the finance department for making sure the authority was granted to buy food for the warming centres.

Barnes commented on some of the issues that were identified. He said the mapping provided by Hydro One was misleading. It indicated there were massive outages in Bolton and Orangeville, but the mapping was based on distribution centres rather than municipality. Most of the outages listed for Orangeville really impacted customers in west Caledon and the Bolton numbers were more in areas like Palgrave and King Township.

He also cited communication restrictions, pointing out there is no radio station in Caledon, and the Toronto media was more focused on the situation there.

In addition, Barnes pointed to the lack of back-up power at Town facilities. If the facilities in Bolton and Mayfield had gone down, the only back-up would have been at Town Hall and the OPP station.

In terms of debris removal, Barnes said it was determined that the Town was re-

sponsible for roads, sidewalks, parks and public buildings, while the Region is responsible for supporting property owners through such things as the operating of recycling centres and taking storm debris for free, as well as starting curb-side pick-up. Private property owners are responsible for trees and debris on their lands.

The Town has been able to bring in resources from municipalities that weren't as hard hit. Barnes said Kawartha Lakes, Georgina and Brock have lent equipment for dealing with trees.

Barnes said the clean-up work is ongoing.

"We don't know how long it will take," he said.

He added staff should have a further report ready for council later this month.

Deborah Martin-Downs, CAO of Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) told council there are problems anticipated during the coming spring melt because of all the debris that ended up in the Credit River. She also said there is debris on the trails that will pose a hazard to users and staff.

Councillor Allan Thompson stressed the need for collaboration between various agencies, such as CVC, Ministry of Natural Resources, etc. He pointed out a lot of property owners don't have the expertise to remove large downed trees.

"We do need to collaborate," Barnes told him, adding he expects more details on that in the next couple of weeks. He added Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to be in on that too.

Thompson also shared the concerns about the problem of getting Caledon information on the Toronto radio stations. He suggested an effort from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Federation of Canadian Municipalities could help.

"We need to get it out to our residents the best way we know how," he said.

Councillor Nick deBoer pointed out a lot of people might not have the equipment needed to transport debris to recycling centres.

He also pointed to the need for people, especially those in rural areas, to be prepared for something like this.

"My cows did better than I did because my cows have a generator," he remarked.

Councillor Rob Mezzapelli warned that climate change could mean more incidents like this.

Councillor Patti Foley agreed this can't be viewed as an isolated event. She wondered if there could be some kind of emergency preparedness seminar held, as a lot of people were not as well prepared as they could have been.

"We all have lessons learned after the fact," Thompson observed. "I think there were a lot of good lessons learned."

'Group think' and 'common wisdom'

First, a brief lesson in how media "group think" works.

In what seems like another lifetime now, your humble correspondent, as the Ottawa columnist for the Toronto Sun, was among a group of "select" journalists invited for a private, on-the-record session with then finance minister Michael Wilson the day after Brian Mulroney's triumphant Tories had issued their first budget.

The key theme of that budget – and of the election campaign leading up to it – was that the Liberals had overspent and overtaxed Canadians and the Tories were about to change that. Deficit-slashing and tax and spending cuts would be the order of the day.

And so it was, as each invited journalist around the table was given the chance one by one to ask Wilson a question, all the inquiries were based on the notion that all these spending cuts wouldn't sit well with the people whose collective oxen were being gored.

With each question, Wilson solemnly acknowledged there would be political pushback, but emphasized the urgency of getting spending and the federal deficit under control.

When it was finally my turn, I asked Wilson why, in light of their advocacy of less government spending – an ideology which meshes perfectly with my own, by the way – why was it that when you look at his own numbers, government spending was actually increasing substantially.

As the saying goes, you could have heard a pin drop. Wilson haughtily dismissed the question. The other journalists never referred to the actual facts of the matter in their subsequent reports. And this correspondent never again was invited to join the inner circle of "select" journalists for that or any other event.

This is not meant to tout my own personal courage – if anything, it underscores my basic anti-social instincts – only to demonstrate that in the Ottawa Press Gallery, or any other press collective you can name, there is strong pressure to go along in order to get along.

All of which brings us to the current avalanche of mainstream media stories based on the premise – an absurd premise, it says here – that Prime Minister Stephen Harper will likely decide to step down before the next election and allow somebody else to take over.

Having spent 2013 trying to convince Canadians that the Mickey Mouse Senate "scandal" really is earth-shattering –

it's ain't pretty, but it certainly doesn't compare with, let's say, the billion-dollar boondoggles from Ontario's own Liberal government over energy and health spending – the media has now, it seems, collectively decided that Harper is truly on the ropes politically.

Keep in mind that the vast majority of journalists are not inclined to look upon Conservatives, any Conservatives,

kindly. This isn't to suggest they are all shills for the opposition parties, only that they view the world from a different perspective.

Here's another illustration. Another time, when your correspondent was introduced for a speech to a large pro-life conference, the host introduced me as "one of Canada's leading pro-life journalists."

I replied that it was probably true, but that's mainly because I could only think of three or four journalists who were actually pro-life. All the others were on the opposite side. Most – but not all – journalists try to be fair. But just as my own outlook affects the way I view the abortion issue, other journalists are equally affected by their philosophy, no matter how much they try to be fair and balanced. That's a reality that can't be avoided.

And so it is with the Ottawa Press Gallery having long ago decided that Harper is the most secretive and controlling prime minister ever – even though a thorough Globe and Mail study on voting patterns showed Tory MPs split way more often from their party than either Liberals or New Democrats in actual parliamentary votes – the current "group think" is that the Tories have slipped so much in the opinion polls (never mind how badly polls have fared in several recent elections and by-elections) that Harper has no choice but to either step down gracefully or be forced out by his outraged party.

It's all complete nonsense, of course. Polls come and polls go. And polls two years before an election don't now – and never have – mean very much at all.

Indeed, it says here in this corner that the best news for Harper and his Tories – apart from a host of additional seats being added for the next election, most of them in strong Tory areas – is that Justin Trudeau appears to have resuscitated the moribund Liberal Party, a reality which is likely to hurt the NDP – particularly in Quebec – more than it will the Tories.

But then, I never was big on the notion of so-called "common wisdom."

Happy New Year.



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Start off the year with new and continuing exhibits at PAMA

The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) is bustling with arts and culture to kick off the new year. With a jam-packed lineup of brand new and continuing art gallery and museum exhibitions, there's something for everyone in January at PAMA.

Art Exhibitions
The new art gallery exhibitions include George Walker's The Mysterious Death of Tom Thomson. It will run from Jan. 12 to March 30, with the opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. and an artist's talk from Jan. 19 2 to 3:30 p.m.

This exhibition showcases contemporary Canadian artist Walker's limited edition, hand-printed volume of 109 engravings documenting the life and death of Canadian painter Tom Thomson. The suite of prints shows Walker's astonishing range as a contemporary printmaker as he finds inspiration and strong national values in the paintings of Thomson, an iconic Canadian artist and an inspiration to the acclaimed Group of Seven.

Another exhibit is entitled True Patriot: The Next Generation of Canadian Superheroes. It too runs from Jan. 12 to March 30, with the opening reception Jan. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m.

True Patriot is a Canadian comic book anthology featuring new Canadian superheroes created by award-winning Canadian comic book creators.

Mental illness to be explored at Lifetree Café

The mysteries and meaning of mental illness will be explored at the next local session of Lifetree Café Jan. 15.

The program, entitled Mysteries of Mental Illness: One Woman's Struggle to Regain Her Life, will feature a film of Karen McCracken. McCracken, author of Breaking Free From OCD, describes her life as she experienced mental illness and what proved helpful in her struggle to manage it.

"In the reality shows, they show only the negative," she said of OCD. "They don't show

it's something you can manage and heal from, that doesn't have to stop your life."

The session will run from 7 to 8 p.m., and admission is free. Snacks and beverages will be available.

Lifetree Café is at St. James' Anglican Church, 6025 Old Church Rd., Caledon East. Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Mark Tiller at 905-584-8506 or mark.lifetree@gmail.com

Museum Exhibitions
Continuing museum exhibitions include Inked: Tattoos and the Stories They Tell.

The Treewill run from Jan. 19 to May 4 with the opening reception Jan. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. With close to 50 per cent of its total surface area covered in woodlands, Canada hosts nearly 10 per cent of the world's forests. This exhibition celebrates the tree through the eyes of artists represented in PAMA's permanent art collection.

Leonard Hutchinson: Ontario will also run from Jan. 19 to May 4, with the opening reception Jan. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Working throughout the 1930s, Leonard Hutchinson is regarded as one of Canada's foremost social realists of the Depression years. Recognized for his masterful block prints, Hutchinson's work highlighted the Ontario landscape and documented the life and struggles of the working people. Leonard Hutchinson: Ontario will feature Hutchinson's prints from PAMA's permanent art collection.

This is PAMA's community crowd sourced exhibition that explores the unique stories behind tattoos and uncovers the artistry and individuality behind tattooing. On display in the museum until March 30.

Also on-going is Why We Ink; a gallery of stories and photographs of memorial and survivor tattoos of those who have been affected by cancer. Inspired by Jules Fitzsimmons' online community, this exhibit is on display in the museum tunnel until March 30.

PAMA is a place to explore and learn about Peel Region's culture and heritage, as well as use conversation, questions and stories to help make new and fascinating connections to the surrounding community. Throughout the year, PAMA offers a variety of workshops and programs for all ages, families and adults. With so many different programs to choose from, PAMA has something for everyone.

Operated by the Region of Peel, PAMA is at 9 Wellington St. E. in Brampton. Visit pama.peelregion.ca to learn more.



CECILIA STRING QUARTET PERFORMS

The latest program of the Caledon Chamber Concert series included a performance by the Cecilia String Quartet. The program included selections by Haydn, Dvorak and Mendelssohn. The Quartet consists of Caitlin Boyle on viola, Sarah Nematallah on violin, Rachel Desoer on cello and Min-Jeong Koh on violin.

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2013 — A look back at a year for Caledon

Every year has it's good points and bad, and sometimes they are just memorable for the events that took place.

Today, we present the first half of our look back at 2013.

It was a year of success for some local athletes, recognition for some deserving residents, a few moments of sadness, along with happiness and some frustration too.

What would a year be without such moments?

In short, 2013 was . . .

January

It didn't take long for Caledon's population did start growing in 2013.

Allison Lochhead and Curtis Marshall of Palgrave welcomed their new daughter into the world at 10:22 p.m. New Year's Day at Headwaters Health Care Centre. Autumn weighed in at six pounds, 11 ounces.

Snelgrove area resident Eileen Fursey-Dockman received a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal from Mayor Marolyn Morrison.

The mayor noted the recipient had been instrumental in bringing the Red Cross to the area.

It was the Mayor's turn a little more than a week later. She was probably the most surprised person in Town Hall when she suddenly found herself being presented with a Jubilee medal of her own.

The presentation was done as part of a council meeting. The agenda mentioned an award presentation and Morrison said she had asked what it was about, but no one seemed to know for sure.

"They fibbed to me," she said.

Councillor Allan Thompson made the nomination through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

The Provincial government was looking to make it more convenient to obtain alcohol by allowing outlets in grocery stores. But Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones commented that the efforts were missing the point.

There are a lot of barns in Caledon that could provide good homes to certain cats, while aiding farmers.

Town council agreed to start a barn cat adoption program, waiving of the usual adoption fees.

It was not hard to find people opposed to the proposed Canadian Tire development in the industrial area of Bolton.

Town council received nine pages of petition, bearing 146 signatures, expressing opposition to the proposal.

Canadian Tire proposed a large distribution centre and office facility on about 180 acres at the northwest corner of Coleraine Drive and Healey Road.

Good conversation is something most people usually look forward to, and that was the idea behind the new Life Tree Café program.

The program started in January, operating out of St. James' Anglican Church in Caledon East.

Development of the lands just south of Belfountain has been on the agenda since the 1970s, and it still was.

ORB Property Corporation was proposing some 70 homes between Mississauga and Shaws Creek Roads. There had been no formal presentation, but area residents had plenty of questions and concerns at a meeting organized by the Belfountain Community Organization. Availability and quality of water was one of the issues, as was maintaining the existing character of Belfountain.

Councillor Richard Paterak was returned to his seat as a part-time representative for Peel Region on the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

HomeJames got a lot of people home safe over the holidays, and January was a time to thank volunteers.



Home James organizers Stan Janes and Diane Tolstoy expressed appreciation in January for the volunteer help the program received over the holidays.

Program Organizer Stan Janes told the assembled volunteers that without them, the program would not have happened. "Without you, our roads wouldn't have been safer," he declared.

Fire and Ice were the order of the day at the art celebration at Alton Mill.

Ontario Liberals named Kathleen Wynne as their new leader and the new premier of the province, and that seemed fine with Dufferin-Caledon Grits.

The Dufferin-Caledon (Provincial) Green Party nominated Paula Conning as its candidate in the next election.

February

Caledon councillors deferred their comments on the revised rehabilitation proposal for the Cheltenham Brickworks site.

The original plan was to create ponds in the three pits after Brampton Brick was finished mining the material from the property between Cheltenham and Terra Cotta. But the company had announced it was interested in importing fill from outside the area to create forested areas and wetlands there.

Council had been ready to receive a staff report which indicated the company's proposal "is an appropriate and desirable end use of the property," but backed off in the face of local opponents.

Bolton has to grow by 190 hectares, and the task of actually identifying where

those lands will be was starting.

Town councillors were given an update by the consultants carrying out the Bolton Residential Expansion Study (BRES).

Nick McDonald of Meridian Planning confirmed they are early in the process, stressing they were more interested in feedback at this stage, as opposed to decisions.

The Caledon Golden Hawks got off to a great start in the first round of the Georgian Mid-Ontario playoffs, winning their first match against the Midland Flyers. But that was their last victory of the season, as the Flyers stormed back to take the next four matches and excuse the local heroes from further play.

The weather was very cooperative and cold for the annual Alton Mill Pond Hockey Tournament.

The weather was just about perfect later in the month as the Caledon Agricultural Society put

on its second annual Snowfest Family Day.

Peel Regional council voted to have the speed limit on Bolton's north hill (Highway 50) reduced to 60 km-h.

The stretch south of Columbia Way was to see the limit drop from 70 to 60, and the section of road 100 metres north of Columbia Way was to see the limit reduced from 80 to 60.

The reductions were a couple of years coming.

"I think it's fabulous to see a report coming forward that recommends we reduce the speed limit on the north hill," commented Councillor Patti Foley.

The chapel at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School in Caledon East became dominated by a brand new mural, which was officially unveiled.

The creation was largely the work of three students and a teacher from FUNARTE in Esteli, Nicaragua, a mural art education organization which promotes health, education and human rights to the poorest, most isolated and marginalized neighbourhoods of the area.

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Robert F. Hall Chaplain Brenda Holtkamp stands in front of the central portion of the mural created by representatives of FUNARTE.

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- Seaweed gel
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- In this way
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Canadian Tire was an issue that kept drawing attention in ‘13

From page 9

Town of Caledon Clerk Karen Landry left to become Chief Administrative Officer of the Township of Puslinch, south of Guelph and east of Cambridge.

Poverty often can't be seen, but it exists; in Peel Region and Caledon.

Town councillors received an update on the Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy, containing suggestions for dealing with the problem, as well as statistics on how serious it is.

Anita Stellinga, vice-president of community investment with the United Way of Peel Region, said 38 per cent of tenant-occupied households in Caledon are spending more than 30 per cent of their income on housing. She pointed out that's money that's not going toward things like food, clothing, transportation, etc.

Acklands-Grainger, Canada's largest distributor of industrial, safety and fastener products, announced plans to open a 500,000 square-foot distribution centre in 2014 at the corner of Dixie and Mayfield Roads in Caledon.

"This is the largest investment that Acklands-Grainger has made in its history, since 1889," commented Simon Kelly, the company's regional distribution director.

March

Cedar Mills resident Julie Dranitsaris was one of 12 final recipients of Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards from the Ontario Community Newspapers Association. The 17 year old was nominated by her parents Janet Muir and Steve

Dranitsaris, largely through her work raising funds for the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. She said she got involved with that cause because her aunt and uncle were involved in fundraising.

"They got me into it," she said, adding she realized there were people in her circle with the disease, including her kindergarten teacher and people at her church.

Caledon council agreed to have Town staff get started on the required review of growth forecasts. But they stopped when it came to approving the terms of reference for the work.

Councillor Richard Whitehead was calling for a broader discussion on how Caledon is to grow in the future, so they can avoid making incremental planning decisions.

The Bolton and District Horticultural Society got a big boost to their efforts.

It was announced that the Society was being named Caledon's Environmentalist of the Year.

The selection was made by the Caledon's Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC).

Society Chair Brenda Heenan was excited by the news.

"That's very exciting for the Society," she remarked. "We've worked hard for the community for many years."

The Town was planning to hold another public meeting regarding the proposed Canadian Tire development in Bolton, and officials stressed it was going to be a formal public information meeting, in accordance with the Planning Act.

Councillors Rob Mezzapelli and Patti Foley made an attempt to get the session

held in Bolton, and to have it conducted "without the formality of the Planning Act," but they weren't successful

The motion also called for the meeting to be "conducted with procedural rules in place to maximize the effectiveness of the meeting and the public's ability to participate in it."

The Bolton Business Improvement Area was planning to spend an additional \$22,000 this year, according to the 2013 budget that council approved.

The BIA was calling for \$100,000 in spending.

It was announced that electoral riding boundaries in Ontario were going to change, but Dufferin-Caledon was to be left alone.

That was good news for both MP David Tilson and MPP Sylvia Jones.

"Ridings all around us have changed,"

a delighted Tilson declared. "However the boundaries of Dufferin-Caledon remain unchanged."

Jones said she had been told in the fall that the Commission had backed off the idea of cutting Mulmur out of the riding.

"I'm pleased with the boundaries as they're now staying," she remarked.

The new community of SouthFields Village was experiencing some growing pains.

Kenneth Bokor, one of the founders of the SouthFields Village Residents' Group, observed there were problems, such as some incidents of vandalism, but he added such "growing pains" are to be expected.

He made the observations at one of the regular meetings of the group.

See 'Caledon' on page 12



Julie Dranitsaris let fly with a shot in Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids Sake event at Skyview Lanes in Bolton. The 17-year-old was recognized a couple of days later as one of the recipients of the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Award.

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Golden Hawks drop two weekend decisions to Erin Shamrocks

By Brian Lockhart

The luck o’ the Shamrocks seemed to be a charm for Erin over the weekend as they delivered back-to-back losses to the Caledon Jr. C Golden Hawks.

The first game in Erin Saturday ended in a 6-3 final. Sunday’s game was in Caledon East and Erin won 5-4.

After taking a 2-1 lead in the first period Saturday on a short-handed goal by Nicholas McNutt and a second from Steven Klomp, the Hawks found themselves in trouble in the second frame when two powerplay goals gave the Shamrocks a 3-2 lead going into the third period.

Time in the box cost the Hawks the game when Erin notched three more goals in the third period, including two powerplay goals that gave them a three-goal lead midway in the frame.

Caledon’s Patrick Savella notched a single in the third period, but a final Shamrock goal gave the Erin squad a 6-3 win.

“We didn’t hit, we just let them play their game,” said McNutt. “We went the box a bunch — the same story.”

The return to Caledon Sunday was a lesson in frustration after the Hawks went down 2-0 in the first period on two powerplay goals, but returned to score twice by the end of the frame to make it a tie game.

Caledon goals came from Daniel Cafagna and McNutt.

The Hawks went ahead midway in the second on a goal from Chris Smith, but Erin responded with a goal at the 14:24 mark to tie it up again.

McNutt got the sweet goal of the game when the Erin goalie went to the corner to retrieve the puck and made a bad shot with McNutt hovering around him. He got the puck and beat the goalie scrambling to get back to the net.

“He just shot it off the boards and I picked it up and shot to the empty net,” he explained.

It was again the third period that had the Hawks in trouble.

The Shamrocks tied the game just two minutes into the third, then went ahead on a single just 15 seconds later.

The Hawks battled back, but again found trouble when they got called on some major infractions.

“Again, they had two powerplay goals tonight, and a couple of long shots that went in,” McNutt said. “They were tough ones, but if we had stayed out of the box that’s two goals that were taken away. If we backchecked and played better around our net, there’s a goal or two taken away. It’s defensive hockey that we need to improve on.”

After the weekend, the Hawks are maintaining their fourth place spot in the Georgian Mid Ontario Hockey League with 41 points.

The Golden Hawks have six games left on the schedule for the regular season, with the next one being a road trip up to Alliston tomorrow (Friday).

They will return to home ice at Caledon East for their regular Sunday night game Jan. 12, when the will host the Huntsville Otters.

Game time is 7 p.m.



Caledon Golden Hawk goalie Chris Vellucci stops a wrap-around shot by Erin Shamrocks’ Josh Sguigna during the third period of Sunday’s game in Caledon East. The Hawks gave up two third-period goals that cost them the game as they lost 5-4.

Photo by Brian Lockhart

Minor atom Hawks move to playdowns

By Brian Lockhart

The Caledon Hawks minor atom AA team has been struggling since the start of the season, but that doesn’t mean they haven’t learned a lot of skills and played some pretty intense games.

The Hawkss had their final game of the regular season against Halton Hills Sunday (Jan. 5), but came up short and were squeezed out 2-1 when the final buzzer sounded.

“We have been struggling with the third periods,” said Hawk coach Kevin Dawson. “We’re in most games for the first two, and then we struggle at the end.”

Despite ending the season on the negative side, the squad has been keeping pace with the other teams and improving as the season progressed.

“The kids are doing really well at positional play, which was a struggle in the early season,” Dawson commented. “Our

defence are doing good at back checking. Those are the two things we do really well.”

With the regular season over, the squad will get no rest and enter the play-downs today (Thursday).

“We have to keep our confidence,” Dawson said. “When we get down by two goals, it kind of goes out the window and the kids’ confidence drops right down. It’s hard to get them back into and of those games where we’re down by two.”

The play-downs will take place over five to six weeks, with the top teams moving on to the OHA finals.

The Hawks will again face Halton Hills in their first game of the week.

“We’ve seen a lot of improvement in the kids,” Dawson said.

All divisions in Caledon Hawks minor hockey are now getting ready for an end of season playoff run.



The Caledon Hawks minor atom AA team battled it out with the squad from Halton Hills Sunday at Caledon East. The Hawks suffered a 2-1 loss in their final regular season game.

Photo by Brian Lockhart



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This Grade 11 student has been holding down the left side position for the senior girls’ volleyball team, which compiled a 2-0 record before the holidays. She also plays out of the Defensa Volleyball Club in Burlington. The 16-year-old lives in Strawberry Fields. Her parents are Robert Routliffe and Catherine MacLennan.

This 15-year-old plays centre for the school’s varsity hockey team, which went into the Christmas break with an undefeated record. He’s also played power for the junior boys’ volleyball team, and hopes to play attack on the lacrosse team in the spring. Away from school, he plays hockey with the Halton Hurricanes and lacrosse in the Orangeville Northmen organization. The Grade 10 student lives in Orangeville. His parents are Jessy and Clyde Stuckless.



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This Grade 9 student has been playing middle for the junior girls’ volleyball team, which had a 1-1 record at the Christmas break. She’s also planning to play badminton in the spring. In the community, she plays centre in house league for the Caledon Coyotes and also competes with the Caledon Soccer Club. The 14-year-old lives in Bolton with her parents Karen and Robert Coulombe.

This 17-year-old is part of the school’s Nordic team, and he led the side in the first meet of the season. He was also on the senior boys’ volleyball team, and contributed last year to the school’s golf team and played catcher on the baseball squad. Away from school, he’s a defenceman in the Caledon Hawks organization and used to play with the Bolton Braves. The Grade 12 student lives in Caledon with his parents Kevin and Gayle Gorman.



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Caledon Golden Hawks found themselves a new head coach in April

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April

Caledon council was still holding off on taking any action on the latest Cheltenham Brickworks proposal.

Town staff had prepared a report for council, which basically summarized the situation. But after a lengthy discussion, including input from two delegations, councillors decided to refer the matter to another meeting. They indicated they wanted more information on the financial implications of the proposal, as well as who will likely own the property when the work is done.

Caledon's representation on the Province's Sunshine List more than doubled over the previous year.

There were 36 employees who made at least \$100,000 in 2012, up from 15 the previous year.

Town CAO Doug Barnes pointed out, however, 16 of the 21 new people on the list were full-time fire fighters who received back pay from a "retroactive arbitration" award, another was a public works employee who was elevated to the list after putting in a lot of overtime and four more were managers who had advanced in their salary grid to the point that they passed the \$100,000 mark.

Barnes also pointed out the \$100,000 Sunshine List was created 17 years before. If the threshold of the list had been increased by \$1,000 every year, Caledon's representation would have been cut in half.

Carey deGorter was named Caledon's new Director of Administration and Town Clerk.

She came from being Deputy Clerk for the City of Barrie since 2007.

Peel council endorsed plans to introduce a Region-wide, bi-weekly garbage and recycling cart collection program by 2016.

The decision was made after a report on a year-long pilot project conducted in four areas across the region. That included a portion of Caledon's Ward 1 in the north-east section of town.

There were a lot of happy Liberals all over the country as the national wing of the party picked Justin Trudeau as their leader.

"I think he's going to make a great leader," commented Alton resident Bill Prout, who was Dufferin-Caledon's Liberal candidate in the last federal election.

The Town was planning changes to its Animal Control Bylaw, and was having trouble getting public input. There was a public information meeting on the matter, but there was only a little in the way of comment.

Fines Ford Lincoln put it into overdrive in the post-season and became the 2012-13 Caledon Senior Hockey League champions.

The Caledon Agricultural Society was named the recipient of a grant of \$62,600 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Dorothy Stewart was named Caledon's Volunteer Champion for 2013.

Stewart said she received an invitation to attend the ceremony about a month before, although she had no idea what she was to receive.

"It wasn't until I walked in tonight,"



Dorothy Stewart was named Caledon's Volunteer Champion for 2013 in April.

she commented after the ceremony, adding her family had known in advance and made sure she was there.

In making the presentation, Mayor Marolyn Morrison called Stewart "a shining example of a true volunteer."

SouthFields Village Public School was officially opened late in the month. It had actually been operating since the start of the school year.

Peel Region was working on an environmental assessment study of some of the roads in and around Belfountain, and local residents indicated they were to be involved.

The Belfountain Community Organization (BCO) was updated on what's in the works.

The Caledon Golden Hawks signed Sandy McCarthy as their new head coach.

McCarthy, who spent two seasons with the Alliston Hornets, replaced Garrett Rutledge who left at the end of the season.

McCarthy lead the Hornets to two consecutive Georgian Mid-Ontario Hockey League (GMOHL) championships in his two years on the Alliston bench.

McCarthy played 11 seasons in the NHL, beginning in 1993, playing his first five years with the Calgary Flames. He retired in 2004 after a year with the New York Rangers.

May

Emissions from diesel trucks and other vehicles had been a big concern for those opposing the proposed Canadian Tire development, but Town councillors were told things weren't going to be that bad.

The long awaited meeting on the Canadian Tire proposal took place late in the month.

There were roughly 250 people on hand, and just about all of them were opposed to the development.

Many of the complaints had to do with truck traffic using the facility, and the congestion it would cause on local roads, as well as pollution from the diesel emissions.

"Our town is slowly being turned into a truck depot," one man charged.

Peel Region continued with its environmental assessment study of some of the roads in and around Belfountain, and local residents were making it clear they didn't want to see a lot of changes.

About 100 of them were on hand for a meeting at Belfountain Public School, and many of them said they weren't enthused with what was going on.

The establishment of a dedicated hotline should be effective in the fight against graffiti in Caledon.

That was the hope of the Town's Graffiti Advisory Committee, which made a report to Caledon council.

Some students at Caledon East Public School were in line to lose their bus rides next year, and that was not sitting well

with parents.

A group of them took their concerns to the Peel District School Board and trustees put the matter off until their next meeting.

There was a large crowd of participants out for the annual C3 Kinetic Kids of Steel Triathlon at Caledon Central Public School.

The success of the Grey Cup champion Toronto Argonauts received some play in May.

Argo defensive end David Lee was keynote speaker at the sixth annual Caledon Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

New rules envisioned by Town staff would see excessive idling of vehicles being treated much like parking infractions.

The month held a sad note after the death of Deputy Chief Tony Lippers of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services.

Deputy Chief Lippers, 54, died after a courageous battle with cancer.

He had cancer in his esophagus, and it's believed he got it as a result of his firefighting duties. Thus his death was treated as having come in the line of duty.

June

The month opened on a note of celebration as Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School in Caledon East marked it's 20th anniversary.

Peel Region had called on Caledon OPP to chop one per cent from its proposed budget increase for 2014, and the local police didn't like it.

Inspector Rose DiMarco, detachment commander, appeared before Town and Regional councils outlining her opposition to the idea.

A group of four students from Robert F. Hall gained both provincial and national attention, due to their contribution to a workplace safety video contest.

The members of the winning team were Vanessa DeMaria, Shandra Romanoff, Christian Arcuri and Ruby Komisarm, and the video was part of a class project that impressed the Ministry of Labour above all others involved in a nationwide competition.

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COMING EVENTS

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DEATHS**DAY, David Lawrence**

Peacefully at King Nursing Home, Bolton, on Saturday, December 28th, 2013 in his 85th year; beloved husband of Lois; loving father of Elaine Day, Joey -Lynn France (Dave) and Kelly Day; dear grandfather of John and Julia; loving brother of Ann Cowan. David will be missed by many other relatives and friends.

Memorial Service was held at *Dods & McNair Funeral*

KOTTELENBERG, Hendrika Johanna

Peacefully at Avalon Care Centre, Orangeville, on Wednesday, January 1, 2014, Hanna (née Karssenbergh), in her 91st year, beloved wife of the late John Kottelenberg (2000). Loving mother of Henrietta and her husband Peter Jonker, John and his wife Toni, Henry and his wife Margaret, Jerry and his wife Carol Ann, Jack and his wife Henriette, Grant and his wife Margaret. Fondly remembered by her 34 grandchildren and 79 great-grandchildren.

The family received their friends in the Canadian Reformed Church, 55 C Line, Orangeville on Friday afternoon 2 - 4 and evening 7 - 9 o'clock. Funeral service was held in the church on Saturday morning, January 4 at 10:30 o'clock. Spring interment Greenwood Cemetery. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Dufferin Branch, 204 - 21 Surrey Street W., Guelph N1H 3R3 or Anchor Association, 361 Thirty Road, Beamsville L0R 1B2. Arrangements by Egan Funeral Home Baxter & Giles Chapel, Orangeville (519-941-2630). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

SCHOFIELD, Ronald

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A Memorial Gathering will be held on Saturday, January 11th, 2014 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Simcoe Funeral Home, 38 James Street E. Orillia. Memorial donations to the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital or to the Salvation Army would be appreciated. Messages of condolence are welcomed at www.simcoefuneralhome.ca



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Town council gave its approval to the Canadian Tire development in June

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The way some people drive on Highway 10 was a concern for a number of police services, and they have started cracking down.

Project 10-4 was launched as a cooperative effort involving Caledon OPP, Peel



Peel Regional Police Constable Gord Middleton and Caledon OPP Constable Ian Michel were looking for speeders in Caledon village as part of Project 10-4 in June.

Regional Police, Shelburne Police Service and Owen Sound Police Service.

A group of Caledon East parents got a reprieve from losing their school bus service, but only for one year.

The weather was a big improvement over the previous year for the 153rd Caledon Fair.

A host of dignitaries were on hand for the official opening of the new Caledon OPP facility on Innis Lake Road.

It had been operating for a couple of months.

A group of Caledon teens won silver level honours in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program.

They accepted their awards in a ceremony at Queen's Park from Lt.-Gov. David Onley. Included among the 76 recipients were Alex Court from Palgrave and Jeanette Burnside and Rebecca Dale from Bolton.

Plans being considered for the northern

portion of The Gore Road in Caledon included a full two-lane reconstruction, along with improving the shoulders for safer stopping, as well as road stability. The improved shoulder will be a benefit to cyclists, pedestrians and people riding horses.

There was splendid weather to attract the crowds to the annual Caledon Day celebrations.

Town council put an end to the speculation and approved the Canadian Tire proposal for Bolton's industrial area.

But the issue was not going away yet. Town councillors had also passed a motion requesting Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Linda Jeffrey to use her authority to order the land uses set out in the applications, and to seek the support of the Region.

Regional councillors went along with the request from Caledon, over the very strong objections of Mississauga Councillor Nando Iannicca.

There was some more Grey Cup fever

in town in June.

The annual Summerfest Barbecue at Husky Injection Molding Systems in Bolton was held at the featured guest was Grey Cup champion Toronto Argonauts' Vice-Chair Mike "Pinball" Clemons. He was accompanied by two Argo Cheerleaders and was brandishing the Grey Cup itself.

Bob Smith was being remembered late in the month as someone who gave back to his community, almost by nature, and he had a lot of recognition to show for it.

The long-time Bolton resident died June 25. He was 89.

Mr. Smith was a fixture in the community on many levels, including as the long-time owner of Leggett and Smith Pharmacy, and being named Caledon's Volunteer Champion in 2008.

Peel Regional Chair Emil Kolb announced he would not be seeking another term, once the current one ends late in 2014.

Kolb, 77, dropped the news at the start of the June 27 Regional council meeting.



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